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Budget leaves MSU in 'tight' situation

Governor's budget proposal will not cover costs

ASHLEY SORRELL

EDITOR

Heather Collard did not think about getting a job during her first few semesters at MSU. But because of recent tuition increases, and another increase almost certain for next semester, she has no choice but to find a job to support her education.

"It will be a distraction from my classes but I need the money," Collard said.

Collard, like many other students, might need to start looking for part-time jobs if

Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher's proposed budget for higher education passes the General Assembly.

Fletcher's proposal allocates less money for the operation of MSU than recommended by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

According to CPE data, the council proposed MSU receive a \$4,342,800 increase in state funding over the next two years in base funding, which pays for basic operating costs such as utilities. In the governor's executive recommendation, he allocates MSU to receive \$919,000 over two years for operation.

Fletcher's proposal gives MSU less than \$1 million in new funding.

Beji Patrick, MSU vice president for

Planning, Budgets and Technology, said Fletcher's recommendation would not cover the university's fixed costs.

"We are not as happy with the governor's proposal as we were with the council's," Patrick said. "If this proposal passes, we have to cut back spending or we'll have to make significant increases in tuition."

Programs that have the potential of being cut are professional development programs for professors.

Patrick said if cuts were unavoidable, it would have an effect on education at MSU. "We need adequate funding for the best teaching quality. Funding impacts ability to do things such as professional development for professors," Patrick said. "When the

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Projects, Initiatives and Basic Funding	Council on Postsecondary Education Recommendation	Governor Fletcher's Executive Recommendation
Base Funding	\$4,342,800	\$919,900
Retention/Affordability	\$1,008,400	Not in budget
Kentucky Early College	\$100,000	Not in budget
Health Education Center	\$20,000	\$20,000
Construct Student Resource Center	\$17,000,000	Not in budget
Renovate Student Housing Facilities	\$10,000,000	Not in budget
Construct Parking Structure	\$7,000,000	Not in budget



Photo by Nikki Skadsem

Ryan Rigdon, left, Daniel Watson and Sam Sorrell work on their minibot in preparation for the BattleBots summer competition. Sorrell started the team after watching BattleBots on TV.

Michael Ganske and Nathan Lambert build a large robot for the competition's Super Heavy Weight Class. Ganske is a manufacturing robotics major and Lambert is a computer science major. BattleBot teams must have a minimum of eight members. Competition takes place this summer in Vallejo, Calif. MSU's team will compete in the Super Heavy Weight and Minibot divisions.



Photo by Nikki Skadsem

Battling robots: Team prepares for ultimate competition

NIKKI SKADSEM

STAFF WRITER

Morehead State University plays host to many teams and organizations. Some are well-publicized, and some are not. One of the lesser-known is MSU's BattleBots team.

BattleBots is a popular television show that features robots that use an assortment of weapons fighting among course obstacles, such as spinning saw blades in the floor and giant hammer.

The goal is to disable the opposing robot. According to the BattleBots webpage, competitors are on teams with a minimum of eight members who compete in five weight classes, Super Heavy Weight, Heavy Weight, Medium Weight, Light Weight, and Minibot. All class robots except the Minibot have weapons, while the Minibot is a contest to push the other robot out of the arena. A robot's class is determined by its overall weight.

Competition takes place this summer in Vallejo, Calif. MSU's team will be competing in the Super Heavy Weight and Minibot divisions. MSU's team includes students with a wide variety of majors and specialties.

Sam Sorrell says, "Most people think we're just a physics group, when we actually have a lot of different people on the team." Sorrell, team captain, is a physics major, as is Nathan Lambert, the team's main machinist and Kyle Bentley who is in charge of the Minibot. Michael Ganske, a manufacturing robotics major, and Bill Crain, a computer science major, also work on the Minibot.

Ryan Rigdon, a computer science major, is electronics support for the main robot, and supervises the Minibot's electronics. Daniel Watson, a manufacturing robotics major, is team manager. Amy Stevens, an English major, is design super-

visor for both the outside of the robot and team uniforms.

Dr. Capp Yess and Dr. Kent Price serve as faculty advisors for the team.

The team has received a lot of help from Mike Combs and Dr. Ben Malphrus from the Space Science Center.

Sorrell started the team as he and a friend were watching BattleBots on television.

"I thought, 'I could do that,'" Sorrell says. Sorrell started on a robot, but when funds ran low he went to Dr. Yess.

"It just evolved from that," Sorrell says.

Michael Ganske says, "I joined the BattleBots team because it sounded fun and challenging."

Bill Crain, says, "I joined the team in hopes of meeting new people and gaining new knowledge. I'm extremely excited about competition. I have never been a part of anything quite like this before. It will be a new and fun experience for me."

Kyle Bentley says, "This is a hobby for me, it relieves stress. I really like to see the finished product at the end."

Amy Stevens says, "Everything is very new to me. I just like to watch and learn. I've never done this kind of thing before."

Although current members are optimistic, the team has seen a few members come and go. Sorrell says many member losses were due to scheduling conflicts and time restraints, but there were a few personality clashes as well.

Member loss is one of the two primary concerns on the BattleBots team; the other is weight constraints on the Super Heavy Weight robot. After getting all of the necessary parts onto the robot body, the team still has to keep it under 340

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Search is on for unreturned, leased laptops

COURTNEY CONN

NEWS EDITOR

Most MSU students enrolled in the fall returned for the spring semester. But many university-leased laptops did not.

The laptop program was instituted last fall semester as a means for providing students with technology in a cost efficient way.

"We had actually bought 500 tablets and 480 went out into students' hands," said Jeff Higley, assistant director of technology services.

Higley said 20 laptops were kept to be used as replacements if students encountered problems.

Students who currently lease laptops are allowed to keep them over holiday breaks as long as the students are pre-registered for the following semester, Higley said.

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Marcus Adams works on one of MSU's returned laptops. Fifteen leased laptops have not been returned.

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budget gets tight, those are the things that get cut."

Patrick said tuition increases are also needed in tight budget situations because it is the university's only other source of income besides state funds.

While Fletcher's Kentucky did allocate funds to construct the Center for Health, Education and Research, which the CPE had listed as a top priority capital project, many other MSU initiatives were not included in the proposal.

"I am disappointed there wasn't a greater priority in higher education," Patrick said.

She said the governor did not put enough money in the budget to afford rising energy costs and failed to fund many initiatives such as funds to improve student services at regional campuses, the retention and affordability initiative and Information Technology equipment.

"It's not a good budget situation right now," Patrick said. "We are concerned but also optimistic."

Fletcher's proposal is the second step in the budget planning process. The General Assembly can make changes to the budget proposal. MSU administrators hope more money for higher education will be recommended and included by the General Assembly.

Patrick said there is the potential for the General Assembly to increase state high-

er education funding. In 2005, the assembly increased funding by \$45 million.

"There are a lot of alumni in Frankfort that have a strong awareness of the importance of higher education," Patrick said.

MSU President Wayne Andrews gave testimony in February before the Kentucky House of Representatives Budget Review Subcommittee on Education. He urged the committee to fund the CPE's

request for MSU between 8 and 13.3 percent, depending on the final budget.

"It is doubtful we will need to exceed 13.8 percent," Patrick said. "She said it is too early to predict how much MSU will increase tuition."

Student Government President Jason Marion said for the university to continue moving forward, a fair tuition increase is needed but not favorable.

"Why should all these [energy] increases be shouldered on students' backs," Marion said. "Our students can't keep seeing double digit tuition increases."

Marion said MSU has increased tuition by 40 percent in the last five years.

"If a student who's in high school keeps seeing these increases, they will think higher education is not affordable to them," Marion said. "The cost of education has become too expensive for the upper middle class."

Not only administrators but also students will get a chance to voice their opinions. On March 8 SGA is transporting students to Frankfort to rally for higher education. The university will also hold a tuition forum in February before a tuition plan and university budget is drafted for the Board of Regents. An exact date for the forum has not been decided.

"Our students can't keep seeing double digit tuition increases."

—Jason Marion
SGA President



budget recommendation so MSU can continue to address the statewide initiatives.

"It goes without saying that all of the institutions will be hard pressed to keep tuition at reasonable levels if we don't get help from the General Assembly with operating budgets," Andrews said in his testimony.

Patrick said tuition increases are likely regardless of any increases by the General Assembly but the university has not decided how much it will raise tuition.

The CPE recently created a tuition policy that set limits based on state funding on how much universities can increase tuition.

Patrick said the CPE has recommended a preliminary



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Joel Charles captures footage for Newscenter.

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BATTLE | Team overcomes many obstacles

From FRONT

points. "That doesn't leave a lot of room," Sorrell says.

The original competition date has been pushed back a few times as well, because the team wasn't ready, or lacked of funds, Sorrell says.

"We could have been ready had we pushed it, but we wanted to do it right," Sorrell says.

"We're not only representing ourselves, we're representing our school and community. I want us to look good."

Despite these struggles, Sorrell is optimistic about making it to competition this summer.

"I believe we'll be ready — we're within our guidelines," Sorrell says. "I'm happy with all the work the team has done so far."

The team also has to get sponsors to fund necessary materials, services, and the trip to California. Most of their sponsors are local businesses,

which are as diverse as the team and include Family Dollar, Guardian, and Morehead Machining. MSU provides the team with some materials and the labs to work in.

Sorrell estimates the team will need to raise \$4,000 to \$5,000 to cover everything, which leaves them about \$2,500 short of their goal.

"At first it was really easy finding people who were willing to put forth the means in which to fund us, but the biggest problem wasn't them offering and agreeing to it, it was having them actually come through with it," Sorrell says.

The competition has many benefits for team members and for the University as well, says Dr. Kent Price.

"I think this is a good experience for them. They're learning to apply a lot of the stuff that we teach in this department in a real situation," Price says.

"It's good PR for the University too, as long as the robot doesn't get trashed, it gets our name out

"Starting out, a few friends thought I was crazy."

— Sam Sorrell

there."

Yess, says, "There are a lot of obstacles to get around when starting a robot from scratch. It's neat to see them solve the problems."

Team members say they are ready to prove themselves.

"Starting out, a few friends thought I was crazy," Sorrell says. "You never see anybody from Kentucky compete in BattleBots."

There's a reason, they said. "I don't think there's a reason. I just think it's because a lot of people don't compete," Sorrell says. "They're afraid of what people think, or afraid of failure or they just can't find the money. If you really want to do it and you are willing to work for it, then do it."

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EDITORIAL

Time to take action for higher education funds

Governor Eric Fletcher should be ashamed of the designated allocation to higher education in his recently proposed budget. To win support of Kentuckians, Fletcher has repeatedly said his priority is funding education to help Kentucky grow economically. Actions speak louder than words.

In his budget proposal presented to the General Assembly Jan. 17, Fletcher recommended just under \$55 million in funding increases for the operation of all state institutions. This increase represents just 25 percent of the Council on Postsecondary Education's recommendation of approximately \$223.5 million.

Fletcher's proposal and the council's recommendation are not even on the same plane. The council recommended MSU receive \$4,342,800 in new operating funds. The governor recommended MSU receive \$960,100. The difference between the Council's and the governor's recommendations is not acceptable.

The governor's budget is a slap in the face to all Kentucky higher education institutions and college students. It is impossible to increase the number of college graduates in Kentucky when the governor continues his refusal to adequately fund higher education.

Fletcher needs to take a second look at his priorities because he has made it obvious to Kentuckians that education and the future growth of Kentucky is not one of his concerns.

The only good news for students is Fletcher's budget is only a proposal. The General Assembly will have its chance to include more money for higher education. It is hoped legislators see the folly in not doing so.

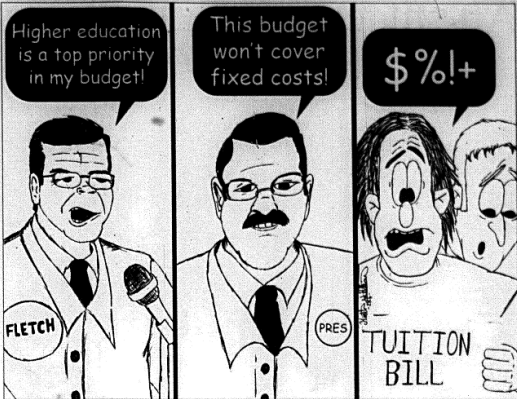
Tuition increases are, once again, inevitable at Morehead State University and other higher education institutions in Kentucky. Those increases will be astronomical and force many students to abandon hopes of earning a college degree if Fletcher's plan is adopted.

Now is the time to start caring about the future of Kentucky. Legislators and the governor likely count on students not being informed enough to take notice of the shortfall in higher education budget funding.

MSU President Wayne Andrews is taking an active role in promoting MSU's need for increased funding. He should be commended for his recent testimony before the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Education. He stood up for MSU and the students by urging the committee to support the CPE's recommended budget. He is fighting to keep tuition increases at a reasonable level and urging the General Assembly to help.

But Andrews, alone, cannot win the battle to convince the General Assembly to reconsider Fletcher's higher education funding proposal.

It is time for students and faculty to let their voices be heard. These voices are the future of Kentucky. These are the voices state legislators cannot ignore.



Commentary

Valentine's Day pointless, corny



Courtney Conn News Editor

Not long after New Year's, I was quietly wandering through a chain store when I stumbled into an aisle with a disgusting display of red and pink. Looking at the fuzzy pink bears, dancing and singing "Burnin' Love," I felt my good mood ebb away. Valentine's Day, sarcastically known as Singles Awareness Day, has got to be my least favorite holiday.

And who was this St. Valentine fellow who has forever

tainted my February experience?

The origins of this holiday are enveloped in uncertainty. Exactly who St. Valentine was or what he did to garner a holiday in his honor remains unknown.

According to the History Channel Web site, the Catholic Church notes three different martyrs named Valentine or Valentines. From there the rest of this romanticized Saint's history is mere legend.

One account claims Valentine was a third century Roman priest who secretly married couples after Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for potential soldiers.

Another legend says Valentine, while in prison, fell in love with a young woman who visited him and he supposedly wrote her a letter before his death, signing it "From your Valentine." This signature would come to be known as the first "valentine."

Maybe I'm just a little cynical, but the whole Valentine's Day thing seems corny and commercialized to me. I have this strange notion that showing one's love for a significant other should be a frequent occurrence, not a yearly obligation.

And how exactly does a red stuffed cowboy holding a heart say "I love you?"

A good friend of mine suggested a new way to celebrate Valentine's Day — one that does not involve flowers, candy, or stuffed animals.

Her suggestion is to celebrate a day of love, for everyone, not just a significant other. This would be a day of forgetting the things that generate anger and hate. She pointed out that it takes much more energy to hate than to love. I cannot help but agree.

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Learning new language is not easy



Rachel Rauh Campus Life Editor

I went to a unique school that served students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The school intentionally accepted students from every zip code in the county, trying as hard as possible to achieve a balanced ratio of minority and non-minority as well as male and female students.

I went to school with kids whose families immigrated to the United States from Vietnam and their entire families spoke Vietnamese as a first language.

These kids spoke English very well, but were more comfortable with their native tongue, and would occasionally converse with other Vietnamese students using their native tongue.

I thought their language was

very interesting, and sympathized with their desire to speak the language they knew best.

The first French class I took in high school was taught by a woman who thought we would best learn the language if, at least twice a week, she and we students spoke French for the entire class period. We continued to speak mainly French on other days.

It was an effective method, but I was often frustrated with my lack of skill.

Today, I am beginning to wish everyone would take such a class. Once, I heard someone from my high school senior class yell at two Vietnamese students when they were having a private conversation in their native language.

This senior told the Vietnamese students they were in America and they needed to speak American. The two looked shocked, and a little embarrassed. I was angry, but a teacher

prevented my reaction with her own reaction.

The teacher told the senior that for many students learning a second language while hearing only their first language at home, it is like trying to communicate without speaking or hearing the letters R and L.

If this is hard to understand, try pronouncing my name without the R or the L. That changes my name from Rachel to Ache — a pretty huge difference.

I realize it is sometimes frustrating when speaking with people with a native language different from English. But too many people forget the people they are speaking with are often frustrated, too.

The abundance of slang used by Americans only exacerbates the problem.

When we take a French or Spanish class, we learn a very proper version of the language. The same is true for persons taking classes to learn English.

If I speak to a visitor to the United States without following the basic rules of grammar, complete sentences have a subject a verb and a noun — in that order! I am not speaking English, I am speaking slang.

People who have learned only the proper way to speak English will recognize when a speaker uses parts of the English language but won't understand the meaning if the parts are out of order.

My point is — if you don't know the basic rules of grammar, or if you do not follow them when you speak, you are not speaking English.

And if English is your first language and you do not speak English correctly, you have no right to criticize those who are still learning and who need your help and patience.

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CONSIDER THIS

"Phil is incapable of error."

— Mike Johnston, member of the Groundhog Club Inner Circle on Puxsuttawney Phil seeing his shadow.

"I have lost my son. I have lost my First Amendment rights. I have lost the country that I love. Where did America go?"

— Cindy Sheehan

Antiwar protester on her arrest at the State of the Union address.

"I felt like some kind of prostitute or something."

— Dave Chappelle

Actor on walking away from a \$50 million contract he signed with Comedy Central for "Chappelle's Show."

Campus Comment: How will pending tuition increases affect you?

Tuition increases are likely next fall because of inadequate higher education funding. The Trail Blazer asked students how another tuition increase would affect them.



Bryan Heath
Junior Government
Morehead,
Ky.

"I'll probably have to take out more financial aid. I rely on that completely."



Chanethia Gaines
Senior Social Work
Louisville
Ky.

"It makes me mad. Nobody cares about the students — just for themselves."



Elizabeth Georinger
Sophomore Education
Worthington,
Ky.

"It'll put stress on me besides the stress from school."



TR Gormley
Senior Communication
Winchester,
Ky.

"I won't be able to eat."



Mike Willett
Freshman Pre-Med
Georgetown,
Ky.

"I'll have to get a couple jobs over the summer to cover next fall."

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Art students get a 'Golding' opportunity

BY RACHEL RAUCH
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Deeno Golding, associate professor of art and graphic design at Morehead State University is one creative guy. Golding can design an artwork, a web page, a brochure, a book, a class curriculum, and a program of study, among other things.

In 1994 Golding graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia with a Master of Fine Arts and headed for MSU.

"Morehead was a little bit more quiet than Savannah. I like the nature around here. Plus it was a chance to start something new," Golding says.

MSU had no Graphic Design program before Golding came to MSU.

Golding says he began developing the program.

MSU was Golding's first teaching experience, and he was a little worried at first, he says.

"Initially it was scary coming up with a class curriculum," Golding says. "But the kids were really hungry for it [graphic design] because they hadn't had it."

Since coming to MSU, Golding says he has seen students' interest in graphic design grow, which has allowed him to propose new courses including a web design class.

Golding says he is pleased with the growth of the graphic design program.

He says he is also pleased with how well Art Department Chair Bob Fanzini has funded the computer lab where many of

the graphic design classes are taught.

Golding was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and his family moved to New York City

when he was 8 years old.

Living in New York exposed Golding to many diverse experiences, he says.

Golding says one of his expe-

riences was an internship in New York with noted artist and photographer Mary Oppenheimer, which followed his graduation from Saint Lawrence University

"That was a pretty good experience," he says. "I needed more of an exposure to it [art], so that summer really helped me."

Golding says his interest in graphic design evolved from work he did on computers at Saint Lawrence University.

"When I got out of [undergraduate] school in '92, around that time there was a revolution going on in terms of computers," he says. "Since I worked with a computer a lot it [graphic design] felt like a natural thing for me to get into."

Golding says he also studied illustration and sequential art while at the university, but the job he had at a graphic design production lab at Savannah College of Art and Design was what really got him interested in graphic design.

In addition to teaching at MSU, Golding and his wife, MSU Art Instructor Yanya Yang, own Sherji Design Communication, a graphic design company.

Golding says he started out doing freelance work in addition to his teaching career and by 1997 the freelance work had developed into a business.

"It's cool to be a freelance designer," he says. "But I think it's neater to have your own business."

In terms of graphic design, Golding says he likes being able to test his skills with an audience.

"I like the idea of creating something for someone," he says. "It's a challenge. You almost have to kind of persuade

them [clients] to go with a composition."

Golding and his wife are considering offering students internship opportunities through their business, but there are no definite plans.

"We're definitely thinking about that down the line," he says. "It would give students the opportunity to work with a larger client."

The internship would also allow a further integration of the two things he loves to do.

"I like — I think I love teaching, and I think you have to love teaching to really be good at it," Golding says. "I like the flexibility of teaching, where my wife and I can work with projects over the summer."

Golding describes his teaching style as one where he expects professionalism, particularly in the upper-level courses. Golding considers himself a fair and student-oriented teacher. He says he remembers being a student and he tries to be flexible with his students.

"I'm open to having students propose — in one class students propose something for their portfolio and then I work with them to make deadlines," he says.

He says these students often choose to create something in an area of design where they have not had as much experience.

Golding may enjoy the challenges that his design company offers, but he says he likes the combination of teaching and designing best.

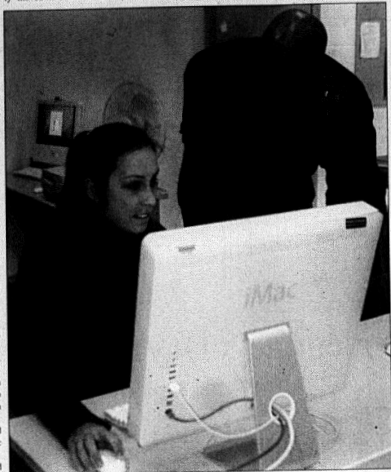


Photo By Terrence Bruner

Deeno Golding works with Casey Mowery, a student in an Art 410 Animation class. Golding, who developed MSU's Graphic Design program in 1994, has been teaching at MSU for 12 years.

Campus Calendar

Feb. 8
Shades of Brown Poetry Night - 7-8 p.m.
Multicultural Student Services
Feb. 12
Comedy Performance:
Queen Aishah - 7 p.m. Duncan Recital Hall
Feb. 13
MSRP: "Remembering Jim Crow" - 2 p.m. 90.3 fm or www.msradio.com
Speaker Series:
Appalachian Yesterday and Today - 7 p.m. "The Rowan County War" Fred Brown, Kentucky Folk Art Center
Feb. 14
Health Fair - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Second Floor of AUC
MSU Little Theatre Presents "Three days of Rain" - 7 p.m. Lucille Little Theatre
Feb. 15
Tuskegee Airmen Lecture and Exhibit - exhibit 3:30-6:30 p.m. Eagle Meeting Room lecture 6:30-8 p.m. Eagle Dining room
Feb. 16
Free Flu Vaccination Clinic - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Rowan County Health Center



Photo Submitted

Justin Story and Danyelle Lawrence were named Mr. and Ms. Black MSU Dec. 3 at the Pink Ice Ball. The event was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

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Eagles upset Eastern without top player

JUSTIN HAMMOND
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State Eagles fought back against EKU Monday night as they went into Richmond and beat the Colonels in stunning fashion 78-66.

The Eagles (3-17 overall; 2-12 in the OVC) rebounded from a 65-63 loss to EKU earlier this season and had to do it without the help of leading scorer Shaun Williams who was out of the game because of a suspension.

Head Coach Kyle Macy said, "I think our guys looked at [the suspension] as an opportunity to where they knew they would get more time because we were short on players."

Eastern Kentucky (10-12 overall; 7-7 in the OVC) started off strong securing the first four points of the game, but the Eagles responded with a 10-0 run with the help of Quinton Smith who knocked down two of his four three pointers in that span to help the Eagles take an early lead.

The Colonels fired right back with a

pair from behind the arc to tie the game at 10-10 with 14:59 to play in the half.

With a little over ten minutes left in the half Quinton Pryor connected on a jumper to give MSU their biggest lead of the half at 24-17.

EKU's Matt Witt got the Colonels back on track by scoring eight points in a 13-4 run to give the Colonels a 32-28 lead.

EKU was up 38-36 with four seconds left in the half and looking to improve on the lead when MSU freshman Deron Brown got the steal and the assist to Quinton Pryor as he layed it in to tie the score 38-38 going into the half.

The Eagles started the second half hot going on a 16-3 run to get a comfortable lead on the Colonels with 12:42

left in the game.

EKU tried to fight back getting the game back to within reach at 61-58 with 5:46 to play before

Pryor came through with a lay to put the lead back to five.

The Eagles turned up the defense and the work on the glass to keep the Colonels from scoring a single and I think we did a field goal for 4-41, and hit 10 of 10 from the line down the stretch to help preserve the victory over their biggest rival.

Macy said, "It was important there to hit 10 in a row, it's good to finish a game out like that. Something like that will give you confidence towards the next game."

MSU crashed the boards in the second half off rebounding the Colonels

22-17 in part of an impressive half on the boards and defensively, holding EKU to 28 points.

"We made a couple of adjustments at half time, changed the defense from what we saw the first half," Macy said. "Matt Witt was on fire in the first half and I think we did a good job on him not giving him many opportunities to score."

MSU had to get some inside help from sophomore Ryan Allen, who scored in double figures with 19 for the second time this season to help make up for the hole at forward.

He had a big game and it was real important in the game. Top to bottom

everyone picked it up," Macy said. Freshman Clinton Reisz stepped up on the boards with 13 rebounds.

Quinton Smith and Quinton Pryor scored 17 and 14 points respectively in the win.

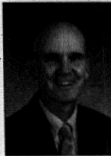
The Eagles will be back in action at 7:30 on Thursday night at Ellis T. Johnson arena where they will try to sweep the Red Hawks from Southeast Missouri State.

"They will be looking to knock us off at home after we beat them at their place, so we will have to be ready to play," Macy said.

Coach Macy said that Shaun Williams will be in uniform Thursday night, but did not confirm how much playing time he will see, stemming from violation of team rules.



Ryan Allen
Forward



Kyle Macy
Head Coach

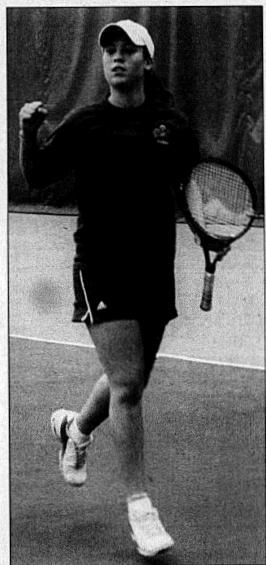


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Sophomore Laura Ferreira celebrates after winning a game against Wright State's Audra Beckett in the first set of Saturday's match. Ferreira would lose the set and the match.

Tennis teams drop matches

GEOFF AMEND
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's tennis team took to the court at Richmond again this weekend, facing off against the Chattanooga Mocs and the Wright State Raiders.

Friday night against Chattanooga, the Eagles were swept 7-0, falling in all singles matches and doubles matches.

Morehead dropped every set, but pushed the Mocs in several of the matches.

After Jacob McLeod fell in the first set to Mark Fynn 6-2, he battled back strong taking the second set to 12 games before falling 7-5.

In the fourth match of the day,

MSU's Louis Orioux fared a little better against Badr Bouabdellah, but fell in straight sets. Orioux dropped the first set 6-3 and the second set 7-6.

Doubles play saw McLeod teamed up with Damian Storti to take on Chattanooga's Fynn and Ryan Fitzgerald and fell in the one set 8-6, representing Morehead's best match against the Mocs.

The Eagles returned to the court Saturday, falling to Murray State 4-0, with play being called due to lack of court room.

In the doubles matches, McLeod and Storti fought hard, falling 9-8 in the lone set.

Pete Taylor gave the best performance in the singles match. After dropping the first set 6-1, he bounced back only to lose the second set 7-5.

The Eagles moved to 1-3 on the season and will be traveling to Dayton tomorrow to take on the Flyers. The matches will begin at 3 p.m.

The Lady Eagles' tennis team dropped their home opener on Saturday falling to Wright State 5-1.

In a match that was moved indoors due to weather, Morehead was able to pull off only one victory in the singles matches.

Mariana Weschenfelder defeated Tiffani Foster 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 to give MSU its lone point against the Raiders.

Fernanda Chiaparrini, Laura Ferreira, Leah Leibnitz and Megan Sammons each dropped their singles matches in straight sets, with Wright State's Christa Ames winning her match by default.

No doubles matches were played to give a point to either team.

The Lady Eagles are traveling to Huntington, W.Va. Saturday to face University of Pittsburgh at 9 a.m. and against Marshall University at 5 p.m.

Women fall to EKU 67-60

GEOFF AMEND
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State women's basketball team traveled to Richmond, Ky. Monday night to take on rival Eastern Kentucky in the second match-up of the year between the two squads.

The Lady Colonels avenged their earlier loss to Morehead with a 67-60 victory. The loss extends the Lady Eagles' season-high losing streak to six games.

Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer-of-the-year candidate LaKisha Brown again led MSU, recording another double double on the year with 19 points and 15 rebounds. The Lady Eagles received quality time from Anitha Smith-Williams, who came off the bench to score 15 points and dish

out three assists.

Eastern though was able to use an assault of plays with 10 different players playing at least 10 minutes.

The team's effort was led by their own starting center Faha'ia'Apr who scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

"They came out with a lot more energy than we did," Head Coach Matt Mitchell said. "We

just for whatever reason didn't play up to our potential and our ability."

The first half saw two teams fighting hard, never letting the game get away from them.

Eastern took a 21-22 lead with 8:19 remaining in the half, but could never get larger than an eight point lead in part to MSU's defense forcing two turnovers late in the half.

The Lady Colonels though came out in the second half looking to put the game away fast, building an 18-point lead with nine minutes to play.

Down 58-40, Morehead went on a 20-6 run, led by Smith-Williams and Brown to get the score within four points at 64-60 with under a minute and a half

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Student-Athlete of the Week



Ryan Allen
Forward

Ryan Allen scored 19 points and had four rebounds and three assists to lead a balanced Eagle attack in Monday's 78-66 win at Eastern Kentucky.

He hit eight-of-10 shots from the field and made all three of his free throw attempts.

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remaining in the game. "We started to give them a lot of trouble in the press," Mitchell said. "We started pressing them and they turned it over a couple times and took some quick shots. We go the tempo of the game to what we wanted to early on."

However, this would be as close as the Lady Eagles would come with EKU scoring the final three points on free throws to seal the game.

The win for EKU (6-15, 6-8 in the OVC) knocked Morehead (10-10, 5-8 in the OVC) out of the top eight of the OVC, being replaced by the Lady Colonels. Only the top eight in the conference make the conference tournament.

Mitchell said, "We think it's really important to get things on track, because we've been very competitive with the top teams in the conference. So if we can just get into the tournament, we have a chance against anybody. "We are by no means discouraged, we know we have to play better and get some wins. A lot

of things are going to be happening over the next two weeks and we have to be ready to take advantage of our opportunities."

As a team, Morehead only made 1-12 from the three-point line in the second half, shooting 16 percent for the game. The two teams though otherwise matched up evenly, with EKU narrowly winning the battle of the boards 41-40, but Morehead forced the Lady Colonels into two more turnovers at 18-16.

The Lady Eagles are starting a three-game home stand, facing Southeast Missouri State tonight at 5:30 p.m., Murray Saturday night at 5:30 p.m. and closing with Tennessee-Martin Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

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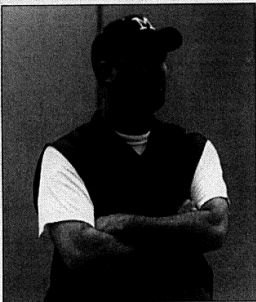


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Head Coach Kevin Fulton watches his team during the Lady Eagles' tennis match Saturday against Wright State. The team would lose to the Raiders 5-1. Fulton is in his first year as head coach for both the men's and women's teams. He came to Morehead from Indiana University Southeast, an NAIA school. (See story on page 5.)

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